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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR LPG SUPPLIERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has formulated any scheme for labourers particularly those supplying gas cylinders through cycle/van;

(b)if so, the details thereof, Oil Marketing Company (OMC)-wise;

(c)if not, the steps taken by the Government for the welfare of such workers;

(d)whether the Government has regulated the duration of working hours of such labourers; and

(e)if so, the details thereof, OMC-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) to (e): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they are not aware of any such welfare scheme presently applicable for the labourers supplying LPG cylinders through cycle/van.

OMCs have a principal-to-principal relationship with their LPG distributors, who are responsible for engaging the staff for running their distributorships including those labourers supplying gas cylinders through delivering vehicles, making payments to the staff engaged by them, etc. LPG distributors, acting as a principal, are supposed to abide by all the labour laws, statutory rules, regulation, Acts of the concerned State Government with regard to payment of minimum wages, PF, ESI and other welfare measures.

Duration of working hours, of such labourers is also governed by the local labour laws such as Shop & Establishment Act of the State Government.